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F&W Commission Adopted

These regulations are adopted under the authority granted to the Fish & Wildlife Commission (F&W Commission) in MCA87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2015, through February 29, 2016. These regulations were adopted by the F&W Commission on February 12, 2015. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. M. Jeff Hagener, Director.

Discrimination Prohibited –State and Federal laws, Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or disability. Anyone believing he or she has been discriminated against (as described above) in any Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) program, activity, or facility may write to FWP Personnel Office, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701 or the office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Reminders for 2015

- March 16 application deadline for all deer and elk special permits.
- The deadline to purchase all Super Tag chances is July 2.
- License Discount Opportunities, see page 110.
- Game Damage Hunt Roster Rules, see page 106.
- A youth who is currently 11 but will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2016 is eligible for some fall hunting opportunities offered to youth ages 12-15 (see pages 110-111).

What's New? Highlights

- Hunters who receive a B license to hunt antlerless elk during all or any portion of the General Archery and/or Firearm Seasons in Region 1 and most hunting districts in Region 2 may not take an antlered elk in the district for which the B license is valid. This restriction applies for the entire season even if the B license is valid for only a portion of the season.
- Most general mule deer seasons are now limited to the harvest of antlered bucks.
- In all of Region 6 except HD 652 hunters can harvest an antlerless mule deer with their general license.
- New mule deer B-licenses in HDs 300, 331, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705
- Two-day youth only deer hunting season is October 15 and 16.

2015 Season Dates

These dates represent the "general" season dates. Check the individual hunting district regulations for the most accurate season dates and regulations.

Big Game

Antelope	
900 series.....	Aug 15–Nov 8
archery	Sept 5–Oct 9
general	Oct 10–Nov 8
Bighorn Sheep	
archery	Sept 5–Sept 14
general	Sept 15–Nov 29
Bison	Nov 15–Feb 15, 2016
Black bear	
spring	Apr 15–Various (May 31–June 15)
archery	Sept 5–Sept 14
fall.....	Sept 15–Nov 29
Deer & Elk	
archery	Sept 5–Oct 18
youth, two-day hunt;	
deer only	Oct 15–Oct 16
general	Oct 24–Nov 29
backcountry –HDs 150, 151, 280, 316*	
archery	Sept 5–Sept 14
general	Sept 15–Nov 29
Moose.....	Sept 15–Nov 29
Mountain Goat.....	Sept 15–Nov 29
Mountain Lion	
archery	Sept 5–Oct 18
fall.....	Oct 24–Nov 29
winter.....	Dec 1–Apr 14, 2016
late winter	Feb 1–Apr 14, 2016
Wolf.....	adopted in July, 2016
*HD 316 does not have an Archery Only Season	
Upland Game Birds	
Mountain Grouse..	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2016
Partridge.....	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2016
Pheasant	Oct 10–Jan 1, 2016
Sage Grouse.....	TBA
Sharp-tailed	
Grouse	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2016
Turkey	
spring	Apr 11–May 17
fall.....	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2016

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2015 Application Deadlines

Big Game

Antelope	June 1
Bighorn Sheep.....	May 1
Bison	May 1
Black Bear (purchase by*)	
spring	Apr 14*
fall.....	Aug 31*
Deer & Elk	
special permits	Mar 16
special licenses	June 1
Moose.....	May 1
Mountain Goat.....	May 1
Mountain Lion (purchase by*)	
general license.....	Aug 31*
special limited entry	Aug 13*
Super Tags	
Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat and Mountain Lion	July 2

Upland Game, Migratory and Webless Migratory Birds

Crane.....	July 30
Swan	Sept 3
Turkey	
spring	Mar 5
fall.....	July 30
*see species-specific regulations for license purchase restrictions.	

Laws and Regulations

These regulations contain information to safely and legally participate in Montana's Antelope, Deer, and Elk hunting opportunities.



Hunters who hunt legally and responsibly keep Montana's hunting traditions alive.

Don't risk losing the privilege of hunting in Montana.

Be Safe
Be Legal
Be Responsible!

Hunter Land Access

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

Fishing Access Sites

Many of Montana's fishing access sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at fwp.mt.gov/recreation/visitFwpSite.html for site specific information opportunities and restrictions.

Montana State Parks

Some of Montana's state parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at stateparks.mt.gov for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

Off-Road Travel and Game Retrieval

- While hunting on private property, a person may not drive off established roads or trails without landowner permission.
- Off-road travel on public land, including game retrieval, is prohibited unless designated as open. Consult appropriate land agency or land map for specifics.
- All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana are hereby adopted by the F&W Commission.

Private Land

- Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land.
- Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.

- Access to public lands through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.
- See page 112 for information on FWP's Block Management Program.

Public Land

- Public lands closed to hunting include:
 - National Parks and other areas administered by the National Park Service.
 - National Wildlife Refuge lands except those areas designated open to public hunting.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local federal office.

Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

State Game Preserves

State game preserves may or may not be open to hunting. See Restricted Area Descriptions.

State School Trust Lands

- A \$2 fee paid when you purchase your conservation license provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to legally accessible State School Trust Lands.
- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a legal access point.
- Horses may not be kept on State School Trust Lands overnight.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits.
- Firearms may not be discharged within one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

FWP's Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the big game hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

Exception: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 113 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at:

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/wma/>

Stream Access

Big game hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is illegal without landowner permission.

Tribal Land

Big Game hunting by Non-Tribal members on Indian Reservations is prohibited by the State of Montana unless it is provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana. Check with local Tribal Government before attempting to hunt on an Indian Reservation. See "Contacts Outside FWP" for contact information.

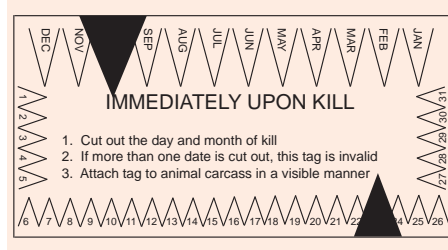
License and Permit Possession

- Licenses and permits must be carried on your person at all times while in the field hunting.
- A person may not take more than two elk during any license year, only one of which may be antlered MCA 87-2-501 (2) (b).
- Licenses and permits must be produced if requested by FWP Enforcement personnel.

License Validation After Harvest

License Validation and Tagging

- Immediately after killing a game animal, a hunter must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the animal in a secure and visible manner.
- To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):
 - The triangles denoting the month and day the animal was killed must be completely removed. Tearing, slicing or punching the tag is not legal.



- The properly validated license must remain with the meat (including cold storage) until consumed. If quartered, the license should remain with the largest portion of the carcass.

Evidence Required of Game Animal's Sex and Species

- It is illegal to possess or transport the carcass of any big game animal unless evidence of the animal's sex and species remains naturally attached to its carcass or a portion of the carcass.
- Evidence of an animal's sex and species must remain naturally attached until the carcass:
 - Is at the final place of storage; or
 - Is cut and wrapped in serving size; or
 - Is at a commercial meat processing facility; or
 - Is at a licensed taxidermist.
- If the head or antlers are removed, evidence of sex in the form of testicles, penis, scrotum, udder or vulva must remain naturally attached. For example, boned out or quartered animals need evidence of sex naturally attached to a portion of the meat.

Methods & Means of Hunting

Firearms

During the General Season:

- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation for the taking of big game animals.
- Muzzleloaders, shotguns, archery equipment, and crossbows are legal.
- The possession of firearms with silencers while afield is illegal while hunting game animals as defined by state statute.

Archery & Crossbow Equipment

During the Archery Only Season and in areas limited to archery equipment only (ArchEquip Only):

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of wildlife.
- Lawful Archery Equipment: It is illegal to possess, while hunting big game during any Archery Only Season and in archery equipment only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria.

Hunting Bow: A hunting bow for big game shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.

- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).

- The bow must be hand drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.

- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.

Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.

- A bow is considered legal if it is at least 28 inches in total length.
- The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent. It is recognized that variations in draw length and/or draw weight can affect the percent of let-off on compound bows. For these reasons minor variations in let-off are acceptable.

Arrow: An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is

measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.

- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges. Expandable broadheads are legal as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

The following are not considered a hunting bow or legal archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an ArchEquip Only area or hunting district:

- Crossbow.
- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
- Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow.
- A bow sight or arrow which uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics.

Weapons Restriction Areas

Weapons restrictions are in effect in some hunting districts. Such restrictions are stated in the license/permit description and/or with a specific date range.

The following equipment restrictions apply to Weapons Restriction Areas:

Muzzleloader

- must not be capable of being loaded from the breech of the barrel;
- may not be loaded with any pre-prepared paper or metallic cartridges;
- must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent;
- must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheellock mechanism;
- must be a minimum of .45 caliber;
- may have no more than two barrels; and
- must only use plain lead projectiles.
- Sabots or other similar power and range-enhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm are prohibited. "Skirts" or gas checks on the base of a projectile are acceptable.

Traditional Handguns

- are not capable of being shoulder mounted;
- have a barrel length of less than 10 ½ inches;
- chamber only a straight wall cartridge, not originally developed for rifles.

Shotgun

Must be shouldered, breech-loaded or muzzle-loaded firearm with a smooth bore and/or rifled barrel and/or rifled choke device designed to fire shot or slugs.

Archery

See legal archery equipment in the "Methods and Means of Hunting" section.

Crossbows

Legal in weapons restriction areas unless exception noted in specific hunting district regulations.

Prohibited Methods of Hunting

Airplane Spotting

Aircraft may not be used to locate big game animals for the purpose of:

- Hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne or;
- Providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne;

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for the purpose of locating, spotting or hunting big game, upland birds or other species under the management authority of FWP during commission-established hunting seasons is prohibited.

Artificial Light

It is illegal for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light.

Baiting

- It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

Dogs

Montana law states that a person may not use dogs to hunt or chase game animals. Dogs may be utilized to recover or locate wounded big game.

Game Calls

It is illegal to use a recorded or electrically amplified game call to hunt big game.

Motion-Tracking Devices and/or Camera Devices

It is illegal for a person to possess or use in the field any electronic or camera device whose purpose is to scout the location of game animals or relay the information on a game animal's location or movement during any Commission-adopted hunting season.

Motorized Vehicles

It is illegal for anyone to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not moving, hunters must be off or out of the vehicle. Holders of Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- Use a motorized vehicle or aircraft to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game animals.
- Operate, on public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

Night Vision Equipment

It is illegal to use night vision equipment or electronically enhanced light gathering optics for locating or hunting game.

Public Roadways

It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, in the State of Montana, as per Montana law).

Two-way Communication

Two-way electronic communication (radios, cell phones, text messages, etc.) may not be used to:

- hunt game animals or upland game birds, migratory birds or furbearers as defined in Montana law ("Hunt" means to "pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture"), or
- avoid game checking stations or FWP enforcement personnel, or to facilitate illegal activity.

The rule does not prohibit the possession or use of two-way communication for safety or other legitimate purposes.

Waste of Game

- Hunters, or persons in possession of a game animal or game animal parts, are prohibited from wasting or rendering unfit for human consumption, any part of a game animal that is defined as "suitable for food".
- For big game animals (excluding mountain lions) all of the four quarters above the hock, including loin and backstrap are considered suitable for food.

General Regulations

It is illegal to:

- "Party" hunt. Each hunter must shoot and tag his/her own animal.
- Use a license issued to another person.
- Carry or have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location where the species to be hunted occurs. Exception: a person may carry or have control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.
- Alter a license or permit for any reason.
- Post, place signs or mark state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.
- Interfere/hinder with the lawful taking of a game animal.

Antler/Horn/Skull Possession

Individuals may possess, transport, sell, or purchase naturally shed antlers, or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural causes and that has not been illegally killed. Carcasses and parts of elk, deer, antelope and moose killed in vehicular collisions may be taken and possessed but only with a Vehicle-Killed Wildlife Salvage Permit. No other game animals may be salvaged by this permit. **It is illegal to possess a bighorn sheep head/horn picked up in the wild.**

Check Stations

All hunters and anglers are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

Marked or Radio-Collared Animals

It is legal to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

Furbearer Traps

- It is illegal to disturb traps or trapped animals. Traps and trapped animals are the property of the trap owner.
- Hunters may not shoot trapped animals.

Glandular Scents

- Natural or artificial glandular scents may be used by licensed hunters to attract game animals or game birds by spraying or pouring the scent on the ground or other objects.
- Hunters may not create a scent station where the scent continues to be dispensed without the hunter's direct action, such as an automatic device, which drips or otherwise continues to dispense scent.
- No scents other than glandular may be used for attracting animals, but other scents may be used to mask human odor.

Hunter Orange Requirement

Firearm Hunters

Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times (see exception below).

Archery Hunters

A licensed bowhunter pursuing deer, elk and/or antelope during the Archery Only Season or in an archery only hunting district is not required to meet the hunter orange requirement, even if there is a concurrent firearm season in that hunting district or portion of district. However, bowhunters hunting during any portion of the general (firearm) season for deer, elk, antelope, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, black bear, and/or mountain lion must always wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) above the waist, visible at all times.

Hunting Hours

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of big game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 119.

Incidental Harvest Resulting in an Illegally Taken Animal

If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an illegally taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

- Do NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.

Inspection of Wildlife

Wildlife taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

Kill Site Verification

As a condition of hunting in Montana, if requested to do so by an FWP warden, you are required to return to the kill site.

Littering

A person convicted of littering while hunting, fishing, trapping or camping may lose his or her license and privileges to hunt, fish, trap, or camp within Montana for a period of one year.

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV):

- Examples of an OHV include but are not limited to: motorcycles, quadricycles (also known as 4-wheelers), dune buggies, amphibious vehicles, air cushion vehicles, and any other means of land transportation deriving motive power from any source other than muscle or wind.
- In order to operate an OHV on public lands, the OHV must have a valid/current registration and display an OHV decal.
- Nonresidents must register their OHV in their home state or purchase a temporary Off-Highway Vehicle Use permit from Montana FWP. The permit is \$5 and expires on December 31 of the year issued.
- OHV permits may be purchased from some FWP License Providers, some Vendors (such as a private OHV dealership) or online at app.mt.gov/als.

Outfitters and Guides

It is illegal to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

Party Hunting

Applying as a party does not allow the transfer of licenses. Each individual in the party must harvest their own game. See page 109 for party application specifics.

Predators and Nongame Hunting

Predators and nongame species are unprotected by federal and/or state law or regulation and can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A conservation license, or a state school trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predators and nongame species on state school trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predators and nongame species on private land.

- **Predators** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).
- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise legally classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dog.
- **Furbearers** are protected game species that may only be taken by residents with a valid trapping license during prescribed open seasons. State classified furbearers include beaver, otter, muskrat, mink, marten, fisher, wolverine, bobcat, lynx, and swift fox.

Restitution for Illegally Taken Wildlife

Under Montana law, a person convicted, or who was charged and forfeited bond or bail, of illegally killing, taking, or possessing game animals shall reimburse the state. The law sets the amount of restitution for a trophy animal under Montana law as:

Bighorn Sheep	\$30,000
Elk	\$8,000
Antlered Deer	\$8,000
Moose	\$6,000
Mountain Goat	\$6,000
Antelope	\$2,000
Grizzly Bear*	\$8,000
*no authorized hunting season	

- The law specifically outlines minimum standards for a trophy under this regulation, but authorizes the F&W Commission to adopt more specific criteria.
- For the purpose of assessing restitution for illegally taken trophy wildlife under Montana law, the following are considered "trophy" animals:
 - **Antelope:** With at least one horn greater than 14 inches in length, as measured along the outside curve from base to tip.
 - **Elk:** Must meet all three criteria:
 - 1) At least six points on one antler, 2) A main beam length on each antler of at least 43 inches, and 3) An inside spread of at least 36 inches.

OR

Any elk with at least one six-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 320 points or greater.
 - **Mule Deer:** Must meet all three criteria:
 - 1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) A main beam length on each side of at least 21 inches, and 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 20 inches.

OR

Any mule deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 160 points or greater.

- **White-tailed Deer:** Must meet all three criteria:

1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) A main beam length on each side of at least 20 inches, and 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 16 inches.

OR

Any white-tailed deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 140 points or greater.

- A "point" as defined in these regulations is at least four inches long for elk and at least one inch long for deer, measured from base to tip. Boone & Crockett (B&C) measuring procedures or standards are used for criteria measurement. The official measurements for the purpose of this regulation are those that are taken at the time of confiscation or seizure of the trophy. Any B&C measurements will be considered final when taken by an official B&C scorer, regardless of drying time. If the skullcap of antlers or horns is broken in such a manner to render an official B&C score invalid, three official B&C scorers will estimate a score. The three scores will be averaged and the average score used to determine trophy status in accordance with Montana law.

Simulated Wildlife

It is illegal to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute, ARM or F&W Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

Transport of Wildlife

- An individual other than the license holder may transport properly tagged animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements" and that were lawfully taken by the license holder. If you have specific questions please contact FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452.
- All shippers of fish, game or nongame birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals, the skins of fur-bearing animals or predatory animals, or parts thereof are required to label all packages offered for shipment by parcel post or common carrier (airlines or UPS, etc.). The label must be securely attached to the address of the package and shall plainly indicate the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and the complete contents of the package. It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an illegally taken game animal across state boundaries.
- It is illegal to ship, possess, or take out of state illegally killed game, game-birds, and/or furbearers. If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between Montana and Canada or between the United States and any foreign country, whether for commercial or noncommercial purposes, you must complete a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Declaration Form 3-177. Form 3-177 is available at all United States customs ports and on the USFWS website at www.fws.gov. For further information contact the USFWS Wildlife Inspector at 406-335-4350.

- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

- CWD has not been detected in free-ranging deer, elk, or moose in Montana.
- As of October 2014 and because of concerns about the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), the following states and provinces have instituted regulations prohibiting the import of certain deer, elk, or moose carcass parts: the states of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Yukon.
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.
- It is unlawful to transport into Montana the whole carcass or certain carcass parts of white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk from states or provinces with documented occurrences of CWD in wild populations or on private game farms. Those states and provinces currently include Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.
- Only the following carcass parts may be transported into Montana from those states:
 - Meat that is cut and wrapped.
 - Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
 - Meat that has been boned out.
 - Hides with no heads attached.
 - Clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.
 - Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
 - Upper canine teeth, also known as "buglers", "whistlers" or "ivories".
 - Finished head, partial body or whole body mounts already prepared by a taxidermist.
- Keep in mind that "Evidence of Sex Requirements" must always be met when transporting any of these parts back into Montana.

Restricted Area Descriptions

Restricted area descriptions include both Closed Areas and Weapons Restricted Areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

Aunt Molly WMA: Restricted to ArchEquip Only for all big game hunting Helmsville-Ovando Archery District. Legal description and map available from FWP-R2 HQ 406-542-5500, in Missoula.

Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice: US Forest Service lands located in the following sections north of Yellowstone National Park in Beattie Gulch, Sec. 7 & 8, T9S, R8E and Sections 12 & 13, T9S, R7E.

Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District Portion of HD 260: Refer to legal description of deer/elk hunting district 260.

BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge: Closed to hunting.

Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge: Closed to hunting of big game. Portions of T31N R31E, T31N R32E, T30N R31E, T30N R32E as posted by refuge regulations. Contact refuge at 654-2863.

Brinkman Game Preserve: The S1/2 Section 7, and E1/2, NE1/4 Section 7, and S1/2 Section 8, and NW1/4 Section 8, S1/2 Section 9, S1/2 and E1/2, NE1/4 Section 10. All of sections 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36; all in T29N, R7E, M.P.M. Liberty County.

Canyon Ferry WMA: Maps available at Helena Area Resource Office at 406-495-3260. Closed to hunting of big game except as designated under hunting regulations. Section 28 and 33, and W 1/2 of W 1/2 Section 34, T8N, R2E, Sections 4, 8, W1/2 and W1/2 of the E1/2 Section 9, NW1/4 Section 16, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20 and N1/2 Section 30, T7N, R2E, E1/2 of E1/2 Section 11, Section 12, E1/2 of NW1/4 and E1/2 Section 13 and E1/2 of E1/2 Section 24, T7N, R1E.

CMR National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: CMR National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations may differ from these regulations. Hunters should contact the CMR at 406-538-8706 or the COE at 406-526-3411.

CMR National Wildlife Refuge in Valley County: That portion of the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (CMR) in Valley County lying east of the road leading to the Duck Creek Recreational Area shall be closed to all big game hunting by ACOE regulation.

CMR National Wildlife Refuge-Pines Recreation Area: That portion of the CMR known as the Pines Recreation Area will be closed to all big game hunting, as posted by ACOE regulation.

Cree Crossing WMA: Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only. Portions of sections 11 and 12 T32N R32E as posted. Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only.

Deckard Flats: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice. Beginning at the junction of Yellowstone National Park and Bear Creek, then northeasterly up said creek to the intersection with Palmer Creek, then easterly for 1/10 mile up said creek, then southeasterly to posted line, then southeasterly and easterly along posted line to the intersection with Yellowstone National Park boundary, then westerly along said boundary

to the intersection with Bear Creek, the point of beginning.

East Ovando Archery Area: Restricted to ArchEquip Only for all big game hunting: Those portions of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 200 with the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, then southwest along said river to the Ovando-Helmsville Road, then northwesterly along said road to Ovando and State Route 200, then easterly along said route to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, the point of beginning.

Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area: Ennis Airport WRA Boundary Description: Beginning at Intersection of Airport Rd and Hwy 287, east on Airport Rd, then continuing east along south boundary of section 32 to the USFS boundary, then north to north boundary of section 29, then west on north boundaries of sections 29 and 30, then south on west boundary of section 30, then west on north boundary of section 36 to Hwy 287, then south along Hwy 287 to point of beginning.

Flathead Weapons Restriction Area and Blasdel WPA: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only. Flathead HD 170 Weapons Restriction Area: That portion of Flathead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 35 and State Route 206, then northerly along State Route 206 to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway onto State Route 40 to US Highway 93, then south on said Highway to Rocky Cliff Drive, then easterly to Demersville Road, then northerly along said road to Foys Bend Lane, then easterly along said road onto Lower Valley Road to the Bonneville Power Administration powerline at Foys Bend, then northerly along said powerline across the Flathead River to the easterly shore, then up the most easterly shore of said river to State Route 35 (Old Highway 2 bridge), then easterly along said route to its junction with State Route 206, the point of the beginning.

Freezout Lake WMA, Teton County: Closed to hunting as posted.

Gallatin Special Management Area: Closed to all big game hunting except open to elk hunting by Special Permit Only and to wolf hunting. The Gallatin Special Management Area is a combination of the old Bacon Rind/Lodgepole and Buffalo Horn/Lodgepole Units. Those portions of Madison and Gallatin Counties lying within the following boundary description: Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 191 and the north boundary of Yellowstone National Park, then in a northerly direction along said boundary to USFS Trail 57 at Dailey Pass, then in a northwesterly direction along said trail to the headwaters of the South Fork of Buffalo Horn, then down said creek to a posted line that goes along the south side of Cow Flats to its intersection with Buffalo Horn Creek, then down said creek to the Gallatin River, then up said river to Snow Flake Springs and the toe of Snowflake Ridge, then southerly along said ridge and the Sage Creek-Monument Creek Divide, then

along Sage Creek-Snowslide Creek Divide and the Sage Creek-Bacon Rind Divide to the Gallatin Madison Rivers Divide at Redstreak Peak, then southeasterly along said divide to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then northerly along said boundary to the point of beginning.

Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area: Beginning at the intersection of Cottonwood Road and Enders Road, continuing southeast from that intersection along Cottonwood Road, north to South 19th, then east on South 19th to Nash Road, then east on Nash Road to Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road, to the national forest boundary, then east along said boundary to boundary of State Lands Sections 4, 3, 34, 35 and 1 to Bear Canyon Road, then northerly on Bear Canyon Road to the Bear Canyon Interchange with Interstate 90, then northerly to Rocky Creek, northwesterly along Rocky Creek to L Street, then north on L Street to Story Mill Road, then north on Story Mill Road to Deer Creek Drive, northeast on Deer Creek Drive to Lookfar Way, north on Lookfar Way to Rolling Hills Drive, north on Rolling Hills Drive to Sypes Canyon Road, northwesterly on Sypes Canyon Road to Summer Cutoff Road, then Saddle Mountain Road, then east on Saddle Mountain Road to Bostwick Road, then north along Bostwick Road to Baseline East Road, then west on Baseline East Road to Walker Road, then north on Walker Road to Penwell Bridge Road, then west on Penwell Bridge Road to Wes Davis Road, then north and west on Wes Davis Road to Hamilton Road, then west and north on Hamilton Road to Cactus Road, then west on Cactus Road to Highway 290, then south on Highway 290 to Weaver Road, then west on Weaver Road to Highway 10, then northwesterly on Highway 10 to Heeb Road, then south on Heeb Road to Amsterdam Road, east on Amsterdam Road, to Linney Road, south on Linney Road to Cameron Bridge Road, then east on Cameron Bridge Road to River Road, then south on River Road to Highway 84, then east on Highway 84 to Shedd's Bridge, then south up western most channel of the Gallatin River to Gallatin Gateway Bridge, then east on Gallatin Gateway Road to US Highway 191, then south on US Highway 191 to Cottonwood Road, to point of beginning.

NOTE: Sourdough Exclusion Zone from within HD 309: Beginning at the intersection of Nash and Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road to the USFS boundary, then east, north and east along said boundary in Section 8, then along said boundary in Section 8 to the intersection with State Lands in Section 9, then north along the section line of Sections 4 and 5, then west along section line of Sections 5 and 32 to the intersection with Sourdough Road, then south on Sourdough Road, then west on Nash Road, the point of beginning.

Gardiner: Closed to all hunting: Beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 89 and Little Trail Creek, then up Little Trail Creek to the posted line (approx. 1/2 mile above U.S. Hwy 89), then southeasterly along said line to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the

Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to the YNP boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Stevens Creek, then northeasterly in a straight line to the intersection with U.S. Hwy 89, then northwesterly along said highway to the junction of Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve: Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

HD 323 Wall Creek WMA and adjacent land as posted: Beginning at the junction of Ruby Creek and the Madison River, then southerly along east bank of said river to its intersection with Wall Creek, then westerly along Wall Creek to a posted boundary in the southwest 1/4 of Section 23, T10S, R1W, then northerly for approximately 4.5 miles along posted boundary on USFS lands (through Sections 23,14,11, 2, T10S, R1W and Sections 34 and 35 T9S, R1W) to Hyde Creek, then along Hyde Creek to the Wall Creek Wildlife Management Area boundary, then northerly and westerly along the Wildlife Management Area boundary to Ruby Creek, then easterly along Ruby Creek to the Madison River, the point of beginning.

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir: The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in Lewis and Clark County of the Helena Valley as posted. (This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

Jeffers Weapons Restriction Area: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 287 and the south access to Jeffers Loop Road at milepost 47.1, then north along the access road until the junction with Jeffers Loop Road, then easterly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Loop Road South, then northerly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Road, then west along Jeffers Road to its intersection with the entrance to Valley Garden Fishing Access Site, then westerly along the south boundary of the Valley Garden Fishing Access Site to its junction with the west bank of the Madison River, then southwesterly along the west bank of the Madison River to its intersection with Highway 287, then southeast along Highway 287 until the point of the beginning.

Kuhns WMA: Legal description and map available from FWP-R1 406-752-5501 in Kalispell.

Lake Helena WMA: Closed to all big game hunting except as designated under hunting regulations. Portions of the north half of Section 22 Township 11 North, Range 3 West.

Lee Metcalf Refuge: Legal description, map and regulations available from the Lee Metcalf Refuge, 406-777-5552.

Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area: That Portion of Lincoln County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road #4813, then southerly on Road #4813 to National Forest Road #533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

Lincoln Closed Area: Closed to all big game hunting. Section 24, T14N, R9W, shall be closed to big game hunting. This comprises the area around the town of Lincoln.

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge: Portions open to big game hunting per refuge regulation. Contact the refuge at 789-2305 or visit the website: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Medicine_Lake/map.html

Milk River Wildlife Management Area: portions of sections 17, 18, 20 T32N, R33E as posted. Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only as posted and as described under current regulations.

Missouri River between the mouth of Sand Coulee Crk downstream to Great Falls city limits (this includes Park and Taylor Islands and all other unnamed islands): Restricted to ArchEquip only. Portion of HD 413 along the Missouri River between the mouth of Sand Coulee Creek downstream to Great Falls city limits (includes Park, Taylor and all other unnamed islands).

Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area: That portion of Jefferson County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Boulder, then east along Muskrat Lane to the intersection of Upper Valley Road, then north along said road to the intersection of Sloan Lane, then west along said lane to the Interstate 15 frontage road, then west to Interstate 15, then south along said interstate to Boulder, the point of beginning.

Northern part of HD between Smith Lake Road and US Hwy 2: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only: From intersection of US Highway 2 West and Kila Road, west on Kila Road to intersection with Smith Lake Road to intersection with Whalebone Drive, then west on Whalebone Drive to the intersection with US Highway 2 West and finally west on US Highway 2 back to the point of beginning at the intersection of US Highway 2 West and Kila Road.

Poindexter Slough Area south of Dillon: Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, T7S, R9W.

Prison Ranch Archery Only Area: Legal description and map available from FWP-R2 406-542-5500, in Missoula. The following MCE Ranch lands are open to hunting of big game only with Lawful Archery Equipment as outlined in the hunting regulations provided by Montana FWP: Beginning at the junction of the Old Stage Road (county road) and Elk Ridge Road (Forest Service Road 5149) in Section 22, T8N, R10W and proceeding west along the Elk Ridge Road to the power line road (prison fence line) in the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, T8N, R10W, then south along the power line road (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of the prison fence in Section 28, T7N, R10 W, then east along the south boundary Section 28, T7N, R10W (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of Section 27, T7N, R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 34, T7N, R10W, then east to the southeast corner of Section 34, T7N R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 2, T6N, R10W, then east along the prison fence line to the Dempsey Lake Road (county road), then northeasterly along Dempsey Lake Road (prison fence line) to the southeast corner of Section 36 T7N R10W, then north along the prison fence line on east edge of Section 36 and 25, T7N, R10W to corner of the prison fence line in Section 25, T7N, R10W, then east along prison fence line in N2 Section 30, T7N, R9W to the corner of the prison fence line at Lake Hill Road (county road); then north approx. 1/2 mile along the east side of Sections 30 and 19, T7N, R9W to the corner of prison fence line on the eastern edge of Section 19, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence west and northerly in Sections 19 and 18 T7N R9W to the northeast corner of Section 18, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence east approx. 1/2 mile along the southern boundary of Section 8, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence north approx. 1/2 mile to the junction of the airport fence, then proceeding northwesterly, follow the fence bordering the airport, golf course and National Guard Armory through sections 8, 5 and 6, T7N, R9W to the Old Stage Road (county road), then follow the Old Stage Road northwest through Sections 36, 26, and 22, T8N, R10W to the junction of the Elk Ridge Road (USFS Road 5149), the point of beginning.

Rookery WMA: Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only. Rookery shooting range closed to hunting

Seeley Lake Game Preserve: Closed to all hunting. That portion of Missoula County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at a point where US Forest Service land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, then east on the boundary between US Forest Service and private land, then north on same boundary to the section line between Sections 17 and 20, then east on said section line and east on north line of Section 21, T17N, R15W to State Route 83, then south on State Route 83 to Riverview Drive in Section 3, T16N, R15W, then west on Riverview Drive to Snowmass Drive in Section 9, T16N, R15W, then north on Snowmass Drive to section line between Sections 4 and 5, T16N, R15W, then north on said section line to Clearwater River, then north along west shore of Clearwater River to Boy Scout Road in Section 33, T17N, R15W, then west and north on said road to where USFS land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, the point of beginning.

Smith Valley Weapons Restricted Area: The area between Smith Lake Road and US Hwy 2 restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only. Smith River WMA Area Map and Rules available at FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840.

Sourdough Exclusion Zone from within HD 309: Beginning at the intersection of Nash and Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road to the USFS boundary, then east, north and east along said boundary in Section 8, then along said boundary in Section 8 to the intersection with State Lands in Section 9, then north along the section line of Sections 4 and 5, then west along section line of Sections 5 and 32 to the intersection with Sourdough Road, then south on Sourdough Road, then west on Nash Road, the point of beginning.

Sun River Game Preserve: Beginning at a point on the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, due south of the head or source of the South Fork of the Sun River, in what will be, when surveyed, Section 8, T18N of R10W, Montana meridian, then due north from the crest of the Continental Divide to the head of the south fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the South Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its confluence with the North Fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the North

Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its head or source, then due north to the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, then along said crest southwesterly and southerly (the western boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to the place of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all that territory lying between the South Fork of the Sun River and the North Fork of the Sun River on the east and the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains on the west.

Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area (TSCA), Teton County: A variety of weapons choices is offered, depending upon proximity to residences. Area map/rules available FWP-R4 406-454-5840 Great Falls Big Game Closed Areas: All in T24N, R5W legally described as: Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and W1/2 of Section 13.

Townsend Weapon Restriction Area: Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 12 and Route 284 then northerly along said route to its intersection with Riley Road, then west along said road to the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area boundary fence as signed, then northerly and westerly along said boundary fence to the end of said boundary fence in Section 28, T8N, R2E, near Canyon Ferry Reservoir, then westerly across said reservoir to Hahn Road, then westerly along said road to US Highway 287, then south along said highway to its intersection with the Kimber

Gulch Road, then westerly along said road to its intersection with the railroad tracks, then southerly along said railroad tracks to their intersection with Springville Lane, then westerly and southerly along said lane to its intersection with the Indian Creek Road, then southerly along the west boundary of Sections 25 and 36 in T7N, R1E to the SW corner of Section 36, then easterly along the southern boundary of Section 36 and easterly along the southern boundary of Section 31 in T7N, R2E to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southeasterly along said highway to its intersection with Lower Deep Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with Jack Farm Road, then northwesterly along said road to its intersection with Cemetery Road, then east and north along said road to its intersection with US Highway 12, then east along said highway to its intersection with Route 284, the point of beginning.

Warm Springs WMA: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only. Portion of hunting district within the Warm Springs WMA restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only.

Yellowstone River Islands: Restricted to ArchEquip Only. Yellowstone River islands between the East Park Street Bridge at Livingston and one mile downstream of US Highway 89 Bridge restricted to ArchEquip Only.

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Deer Drawing Statistics

The statistics on this page are from the 2014 Drawings. The final license/permit quotas may differ from the quotas reflected in the 2015 printed regulations. The quotas listed in the printed regulations are the "proposed" quotas as adopted at the February Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting. The F&W Commission final-adopted quotas in July are based on winter and spring survey efforts and are the final quotas used to complete the actual drawing. These statistics reflect combined resident and nonresident first choice districts. These statistics do not reflect the use of bonus points, landowner preference, or the nonresident limit of no more than 10% of the quota of licenses. For more detailed statistics on resident/nonresident numbers, landowner drawing statistics, 2nd and 3rd choice numbers and district-specific bonus point information, visit our website at [fwp.mt.gov/Hunt Planner](http://fwp.mt.gov/Hunt_Planner).

Hunters are advised to carefully review the 2015 regulations prior to applying for licenses. Do not rely solely on the LPT codes used in the past. All either sex permits now end with a number between 20 – 29 while antlerless licenses end between 00 – 09. Brow-tined bull permits end between 45 – 49 while brow-tined bull/antlerless permits and licenses end between 10 – 15. Antlered buck and bull permits end between 50 – 59. For all licenses, the first three digits typically represent a Hunting District in which the license is valid.

Key:

LPT = License/Permit Type. The first three digits most often represent the hunting district number.

Apps = Total number of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants.

Suc = Total number of 1st-choice applicants that were successful.

% Suc = Percentage of 1st-choice applicants that were successful.

Deer Permits – 2014 First Choice Drawing Statistics

Permit	Apps	Suc	% Suc
109-50	83	10	12.05
130-50	285	10	3.51
202-50	271	150	55.35
204-50	209	209	100.00
210-50	529	50	9.45
212-50	319	319	100.00
213-50	159	159	100.00
214-50	62	62	100.00
215-50	229	229	100.00
240-50	50	25	50.00
240-51	92	92	100.00
250-50	277	40	14.44
261-50	1574	25	1.59
270-50	5647	45	0.80
281-50	171	171	100.00
291-50	1053	30	2.85
291-51	145	30	20.69
292-50	442	442	100.00
300-50	887	30	3.38

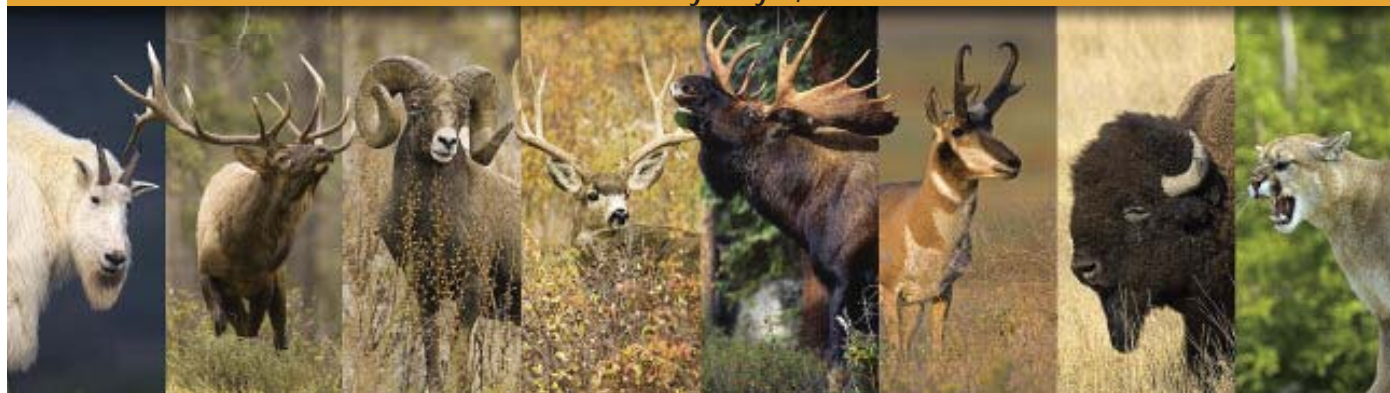
Permit	Apps	Suc	% Suc
302-50	146	146	100.00
312-50	825	75	9.09
318-50	215	215	100.00
319-50	218	218	100.00
324-50	671	25	3.73
329-50	90	90	100.00
335-50	374	374	100.00
339-50	276	276	100.00
343-50	335	335	100.00
380-50	1054	1054	100.00
390-50	105	105	100.00
391-50	429	429	100.00
392-50	647	647	100.00
441-50	1135	35	3.08
455-20	1378	30	2.18
510-50	413	413	100.00
530-50	604	500	82.78
630-20	5	5	100.00
652-50	867	50	5.77

Deer B Licenses – 2014 First Choice Drawing Statistics

License	Apps	Suc	% Suc
101-00	218	50	22.94
102-00	209	100	47.85
109-00	83	25	30.12
110-00	115	100	86.96
120-00	173	100	57.80
121-00	892	300	33.63
122-00	467	200	42.83
124-00	147	147	100.00
200-00	27	5	18.52
200-01	19	5	26.32
201-00	118	5	4.24
201-01	40	25	62.50
202-00	63	5	7.94
202-01	21	5	23.81
203-00	74	5	6.76
204-00	155	100	64.52
204-10	126	50	39.68
212-00	261	50	19.16
213-00	206	50	24.27
215-00	286	50	17.48

License	Apps	Suc	% Suc
240-01	323	100	30.96
260-20	483	300	62.11
261-00	75	25	33.33
262-00	306	100	32.68
281-00	267	50	18.73
282-00	403	25	6.20
283-00	285	50	17.54
285-00	376	50	13.30
290-51	140	50	35.71
292-01	185	75	40.54
293-00	201	50	24.88
301-00	79	25	31.65
315-01	268	250	93.28
324-00	47	47	100.00
325-01	129	129	100.00
326-01	21	21	100.00
330-01	83	75	90.36
331-01	151	25	16.56
380-01	738	150	20.33
599-00	1373	1000	72.83

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Elk Drawing Statistics

The statistics on this page are from the 2014 Drawings. The final license/permit quotas may differ from the quotas reflected in the 2015 printed regulations. The quotas listed in the printed regulations are the "proposed" quotas as adopted at the February F&W Commission meeting. The F&W Commission final-adopted quotas in July are based on winter and spring survey efforts and are the final quotas used to complete the actual drawing. These statistics reflect combined resident and nonresident first choice districts. These statistics do not reflect the use of bonus points, landowner preference, or the nonresident limit of up to 10% of the quota. For more detailed statistics on resident/nonresident numbers, landowner drawing statistics, 2nd and 3rd choice numbers and district-specific bonus point information, visit our website at [fwp.mt.gov/Hunt Planner](http://fwp.mt.gov/Hunt_Planner).

Hunters are advised to carefully review the 2015 regulations prior to applying for licenses. Do not rely solely on the LPT codes used in the past. All either sex permits now end with a number between 20 – 29 while antlerless licenses end between 00 – 09. Brow-tined bull permits end between 45 – 49 while brow-tined bull/antlerless permits and licenses end between 10 – 15. Antlered buck and bull permits end between 50 – 59. For all licenses, the first three digits typically represent a Hunting District in which the license is valid.

Key:

LPT = License/Permit Type. The first three digits most often represent the hunting district number.

Apps = Total number of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants.

Suc = Total number of 1st-choice applicants that were successful.

% Suc = Percentage of 1st-choice applicants that were successful.

Elk Permits –2014 First Choice Drawing Statistics

Permit	Apps	Suc	% Suc
212-45	351	100	28.49
250-45	462	25	5.41
270-50	2792	2792	100.00
282-10	86	1	1.16
283-10	117	5	4.27
310-45	285	285	100.00
310-46	633	5	0.79
313-10	101	30	29.70
313-50	1232	1232	100.00
339-20	1220	60	4.92
380-20	9338	120	1.29
401-20	338	30	8.88

Permit	Apps	Suc	% Suc
410-20	4158	100	2.41
410-21	2347	1900	80.95
411-20	1171	200	17.08
412-20	348	60	17.24
417-20	664	100	15.06
420-20	603	79	13.10
425-20	814	5	0.61
426-20	336	40	11.90
441-20	403	35	8.68
445-20	502	40	7.97
447-20	1084	75	6.92
450-20	62	5	8.06

Permit	Apps	Suc	% Suc
455-20	946	65	6.87
500-20	221	10	4.52
502-20	78	5	6.41
520-20	366	30	8.20
570-20	256	65	25.39
575-20	162	10	6.17
580-21	120	35	29.17
580-22	173	40	23.12
590-20	948	200	21.10
590-21	257	80	31.13
620-20	811	50	6.17
620-21	1448	1167	80.59

Permit	Apps	Suc	% Suc
621-20	1366	50	3.66
622-20	965	30	3.11
631-20	650	30	4.62
631-21	237	198	83.54
632-20	442	10	2.26
632-21	211	100	47.39
690-20	1084	35	3.23
690-21	565	35	6.19
798-20	2309	250	10.83
798-21	592	430	72.64
799-20	2128	175	8.22
900-20	2308	1957	84.79

Elk B Licenses –2014 First Choice Drawing Statistics

License	Apps	Suc	% Suc
004-00	1885	1885	100.00
005-00	671	671	100.00
100-00	236	25	10.59
101-00	108	20	18.52
101-01	49	5	10.20
101-02	102	20	19.61
103-00	540	25	4.63
104-00	240	25	10.42
109-00	74	20	27.03
109-02	73	20	27.40
110-00	104	5	4.81
120-00	106	5	4.72
121-00	875	250	28.57
121-01	16	5	31.25
121-02	82	20	24.39
122-00	344	25	7.27
123-00	130	25	19.23
124-00	145	25	17.24
130-00	133	5	3.76
132-00	37	5	13.51
140-00	82	5	6.10

LPT	Apps	Suc	% Suc
200-00	47	5	10.64
201-00	106	60	56.60
201-01	138	30	21.74
202-00	48	5	10.42
204-00	182	30	16.48
210-00	711	400	56.26
210-01	50	50	100.00
211-00	190	100	52.63
212-00	316	200	63.29
212-01	120	50	41.67
213-00	332	200	60.24
214-00	229	75	32.75
215-00	677	300	44.31
215-01	432	200	46.30
216-00	167	75	44.91
240-00	210	50	23.81
261-00	85	25	29.41
261-01	57	25	43.86
262-01	153	150	98.04
270-00	342	100	29.24
270-01	43	43	100.00
270-02	315	50	15.87
270-03	41	41	100.00
270-04	55	25	45.45
270-05	4	4	100.00
282-00	556	25	4.50
283-02	97	40	41.24
285-01	123	25	20.33
285-02	21	21	100.00
291-00	538	400	74.35
293-00	286	100	34.97
298-00	212	212	100.00

LPT	Apps	Suc	% Suc
300-00	655	400	61.07
302-00	478	350	73.22
312-00	109	100	91.74
314-00	339	25	7.37
315-01	192	192	100.00
317-00	213	150	70.42
318-00	612	150	24.51
319-00	118	30	25.42
320-00	94	25	26.60
321-00	199	199	100.00
323-00	223	80	35.87
328-00	214	150	70.09
329-00	1924	450	23.39
334-00	279	125	44.80
335-00	685	300	43.80
339-00	354	350	98.87
340-00	931	125	13.43
341-00	107	10	9.35
343-00	501	300	59.88
360-01	539	500	92.76
361-00	206	50	24.27
370-00	679	250	36.82
380-00	1422	250	17.58
380-01	473	150	31.71
380-02	405	125	30.86
390-00	98	98	100.00
391-00	538	300	55.76
392-00	278	175	62.95
392-01	648	250	38.58

LPT	Apps	Suc	% Suc
410-00	2882	700	24.29
410-01	256	241	94.14
411-00	94	94	100.00
416-00	57	55	96.49
422-00	67	67	100.00
425-00	73	25	34.25
425-01	54	30	55.56
425-02	71	35	49.30
425-03	155	20	12.90
425-04	221	15	6.79
425-05	226	10	4.42
442-00	149	149	100.00
448-00	400	150	37.50
455-00	403	175	43.42
520-00	241	25	10.37
620-00	304	300	98.68
621-00	191	100	52.36
621-01	878	250	28.47
622-00	1159	500	43.14
631-00	437	100	22.88
631-01	69	25	36.23
632-00	186	30	16.13
690-00	41	25	60.98
690-01	470	300	63.83
700-00	1586	700	44.14
798-01	80	80	100.00
799-00	629	200	31.80
900-00	431	431	100.00

Obtain A License Or Permit

- Only one license or permit of any type may be purchased each year, unless otherwise specified and allowed in the regulations, such as a hunter may purchase more than one deer B license.
- Many licenses or permits may be purchased from license providers or online licensing. Some licenses and permits are available only through a drawing.
- Refer to the Licenses Available Chart for a complete list of resident and nonresident licenses and application or purchase deadlines.

Online Licensing

- You may apply for permits and/or licenses and purchase many general hunting licenses from FWP Online Licensing between approximately 5:15 a.m. and 11:45 p.m., MST, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates.
- Go to <https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index> and follow the instructions.
- Online purchases must be made by using a MasterCard, Visa, American Express or debit card.
- Montana residents must have purchased a conservation license through the automated licensing system (ALS) in a previous license year and have an ALS number to buy licenses online. See Residency.
- Don't wait until the last minute to buy your hunting license online as carcass tags are mailed to you within 10 days of your purchase.
- All online license purchases and applications are final and cannot be changed or withdrawn.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is illegal for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

Residency

- It is illegal to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

Resident

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, as per MCA 87-2-102, you must:
 - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
 - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
 - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
 - not possess (or have applied for any) current resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
 - file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.

- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
 - claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
 - is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident conservation license you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

Nonresident

- Montana's nonresident guests are eligible to purchase or apply for most Montana fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota for a district. The Licenses Available Chart provides details.
- Nonresident unmarried minors, at least 12 (by Jan 16, 2016) but not older than 17 years of age, can hunt in Montana as a resident if the minor's parents, legal guardian, or parent with joint custody, sole custody, or visitation rights is a legal resident of Montana. See "Youth Hunter" chart for details on youth 11 years of age.

Armed Forces

- A member of the regular armed forces of the United States, a member's dependent who resides in the member's Montana household, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign government attached to the regular armed forces of the United States is considered a resident for Montana hunting, fishing and trapping licenses if:
 - the member was a resident of Montana under the provisions listed under residency at the time the member entered the armed forces and continues to meet these residency criteria; or,
 - the member is currently stationed in and assigned to active duty in Montana, has resided in Montana for a least 30 days, and presents official assignment orders and a certificate verifying successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from any state or province.

Prerequisites

Conservation License

- Each new license year, a new Conservation License is required to purchase any fishing, trapping or hunting license(s), or to apply for licenses/permits. Most licenses can be purchased from any FWP License Provider beginning late January. The Montana license year begins on March 1 and runs through the last day of February.

- In compliance with the Federal Welfare Reform Laws, Montana law requires each resident and nonresident hunter, including youth, to provide the last four digits of his/her Social Security number when purchasing a Conservation License or obtaining a Conservation License through a drawing.

Hunting Access Enhancement Fee (HAEF)

This is an annual fee and will be charged at the time the hunter purchases his/her first hunting license (including upland and migratory bird).

Game Damage Hunt Roster Rules

- The game damage hunt roster is a randomized list of hunters' names. If FWP identifies a need to implement a game damage hunt, the game damage hunt roster will be used to select hunters. Selected hunters will be contacted by FWP.
- Sign up for the game damage hunt roster is from June 15 –July 15, 2015, and only on the FWP website.

12-hour Closure

- In Administrative Region 4, elk HD 424 and HD 442 may be subject to 12-hour closure for the antlerless portion of the general brow-tined bull or antlerless elk season,
- If the elk quota is reached, the general season will revert to only the brow-tined bull regulation until the end of the general season.
- Contact Region 4 Headquarters or the Augusta Check Station for updates (406-562-3467).

Hunter Education

Hunter Education Requirements

If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

Youth must be 11 years old before they can begin taking the Hunter Education course.

Bowhunter Education Requirements

To purchase a Montana bow and arrow license, a hunter must:

- provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
- provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province. If you can no longer produce this license, for a \$5 fee you may sign an affidavit stating that you previously held such a license. The affidavit is available at all FWP License Providers. The affidavit entitles you to purchase a current year's Montana bow and arrow license.

Duplicate Certificates

Bowhunter or Hunter Education certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.

License and Permit Types

Bow and Arrow License

A bow and arrow license, plus the proper hunting license is required during: (1) the deer, elk and/or antelope Archery Only Season; or (2) to archery hunt in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.

Conservation License

Prerequisite for all resident and nonresident licenses. It includes the state lands recreation license which is required for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes on State School Trust Lands.

Deer License

General Deer License

- The general deer license is Montana's license valid for one deer. Hunters may hold only one general deer license. It can be used for deer as indicated under the "General Deer License" heading on the deer and elk hunting district pages of these regulations.
- Residents may purchase only one deer and/or one elk general license each year. Licenses may be purchased from license providers or online licensing beginning mid January. Each license year, a new Conservation License is required in order to purchase any fishing, trapping or hunting license(s), or to apply for any license or permit.
- Resident hunters may purchase a general Deer license over the counter at FWP offices and other license vendors. Residents may also buy a sportsman's license, which includes a general deer license. Some disabled, youth, and senior hunters may qualify for discounted licenses.
- Nonresidents cannot buy their general deer license over the counter. They must obtain what's known as a "deer combination" license, which includes a general deer license as well as several other licenses. Montana makes 4,600 General Drawing and 2,000 land owner sponsored licenses available each year. Demand is greater than supply, so to get a deer combination license, you need to apply in a random lottery drawing by March 16 for either a:
 - Big game (deer and elk) combination license, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting, or a
 - Deer combination license, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting.
 - You can apply for only one of these licenses each year.

Deer B License

- Valid for one deer during a specific time period, or for a certain species and sex, and in a particular hunting district or group of districts. May be offered through a drawing or over-the-counter.
- A deer B license is usually a license for antlerless mule deer or white-tailed deer, depending on the license type and hunting district.

- The deer B license allows you to kill a deer in addition to the deer you could harvest with your general deer license.
- There is no particular order in which the general deer and deer B licenses must be purchased or used.
- Most deer B licenses are available through the **June 1** drawing but some are available for purchase at License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing.
- A hunter may possess a total of seven deer B licenses in any combination.

Single-Region Deer B Licenses for White-tailed Deer

- A hunter may purchase only one single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer per year.
- The single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer is in addition to other deer B licenses a person may obtain through a drawing or purchase at License Providers. You must designate the region in which you will use the single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer at the time of purchase. Check the hunting district in which you will hunt for specific regulations and valid dates for the single-region license.
- Licenses are available beginning August 3 from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing.
- Check the hunting district in which you will hunt for specific regulations and valid dates for the single-region license.
- The following Single-Region White-tailed Deer B License opportunities for residents and/or nonresidents are offered for the 2015 hunting season.

Single-Region Resident/Nonresident White-tailed Deer B Licenses

R3	003-00. All Region 3 HDs, except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA
R7	007-00. All Region 7 HDs.

Single-Region Resident Only White-tailed Deer B Licenses

R 7	007-01. 2nd WT B License. All Region 7 HDs.
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Deer Permit

- Permits are valid for hunting the specified sex-age class during the time period(s) listed.
- Hunters who receive a deer permit must use it with a current general deer license. A deer permit does not allow you to take a second deer.
- Hunters who receive a deer permit valid for taking an antlered buck mule deer (with their general deer license) are restricted to taking an antlered buck mule deer only in the district or portion of district specified on the permit. They may not hunt antlered buck mule deer anywhere else in

Montana even if the General Season or Archery Only Season is open to mule deer buck hunting with a general deer license. This applies to all deer permit areas, whether limited or unlimited, for antlered buck mule deer.

- Deer permits are available through the March 16 drawing to Residents and Nonresidents. Be sure to check individual hunting district regulations for specific deer permit details. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license/permit quota.
- Residents must hold a general deer license before using a deer permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Deer Combination License before applying for a deer permit.
- The following White-tailed and Mule Deer Permit opportunities are offered for the 2015 hunting season.

Deer Permits Resident/Nonresident

R1	109-50, 130-50
R2	202-50, 204-50, 210-50, 212-50, 213-50, 214-50, 215-50, 240-50, 240-51, 250-50, 261-50, 270-50, 281-50, 291-50, 291-51, 292-50
R3	300-50, 302-50, 312-50, 318-50, 319-50, 324-50, 329-50, 335-50, 339-50, 343-50, 380-50, 390-50, 391-50, 392-50
R4	441-50, 455-60 (either sex MD or WT)
R5	510-50, 530-50
R6	630-20 (either sex WT deer, Residents with Disability Conservation License), 652-50

Over-the-Counter (OTC) B License

- Certain deer B licenses with unlimited quotas are available for purchase over-the-counter from License Providers beginning August 3.
- The following over-the-counter Deer B License opportunities are offered for the 2015 hunting season. See individual hunting district regulations for specifics.

OTC Deer B Licenses

R1	170-00
R2	212-20, 260-01, 262-01, 262-02, 290-00
R3	003-00, 312-00, 317-00, 320-00, 322-00, 333-00, 340-00, 360-00, 388-00
R7	007-00, 007-01

Elk License

General Elk License

- A general elk license is the basic license for hunting elk. Montana's general elk-hunting license is valid for one elk. Hunters may hold only one general elk license. It can be used only according to the specific regulations of the hunting district in which you hunt.
- Resident hunters may purchase this license over the counter at FWP offices and other license vendors for \$20 plus the required conservation license (\$8) and hunter access enhancement fee (\$2). Residents may also buy a sportsman's license (prices vary), which includes a general elk license. Some disabled, youth, and senior hunters may qualify for discounted licenses.
- Nonresidents cannot buy their general elk license over the counter. They must obtain what's known as an "elk combination" license, which includes a general elk license as well as several other licenses. Montana makes 17,000 of these General Drawing licenses available each year. Demand is greater than supply, so to get a combination license, you need to apply in a random lottery drawing by March 16 for either a:
 - Big game (deer and elk) combination license, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting, or a
 - Elk combination license, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting.
 - You can apply for only one of these licenses each year.

Elk B License

- The elk B license is valid for taking an antlerless elk during a specific time period and in a particular hunting district or group of districts.
- The elk B licenses are designed to control elk numbers and many are only valid on private land.
- A limited elk B license is obtained only through the drawing and has an application deadline date of June 1.
- Unlimited elk B licenses have no limit on the number of licenses sold and are available from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing. See individual hunting districts for details.
- The only prerequisite for the elk B license is a conservation license.
- Each hunter may possess only one elk B license per license year in addition to a general elk license.
- Elk B license hunting opportunities may be restricted to portions of individual hunting districts. See individual hunting districts for specific details.

- In the districts 100, 101, 103, 104, 109, 110, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 130, 132, 140, 200, 201, 202, 204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 240, 261, 270, 282, 283, 285, and 291 the following restriction applies: Hunters who receive a B license to hunt antlerless elk during all or any portion of the General Archery and/or Firearm Seasons may not take an antlered elk in the district for which the B license is valid. This restriction applies for the entire season even if the B license is valid for only a portion of the season.
- The following limited and unlimited Elk B License opportunities are offered for the 2015 hunting season.

Elk B Licenses

R1	100-00,	101-00,	101-01,	101-02,
	103-00,	104-00,	109-00,	109-02,
	110-00,	120-00,	121-00,	121-01,
	121-02,	122-00,	123-00,	124-00,
	130-00,	132-00,	140-00	
R2	200-00,	201-00,	201-01,	202-00,
	204-00,	210-00,	210-01,	211-00,
	212-00,	212-01,	212-03,	213-00,
	214-00,	215-00,	215-01,	216-00,
	240-00,	261-00,	261-01,	262-01,
	270-00,	270-01,	270-02,	270-03,
	270-04,	270-05,	282-00,	283-02,
	283-03,	285-01,	285-02,	290-00,
	291-00,	293-00,	298-00	
R3	300-00,	302-00,	312-00,	314-00,
	315-01,	317-00,	318-00,	319-00,
	320-00,	321-00,	323-00,	328-00,
	329-00,	334-00,	335-00,	339-00,
	340-00,	341-00,	343-00,	360-01,
	361-00,	370-00,	380-00,	380-01,
	380-02,	390-00,	391-00,	392-00,
	392-01,	393-01		
R4	004-00,	410-00,	410-01,	411-00,
	416-00,	422-00,	425-00,	425-01,
	425-02,	425-03,	425-04,	425-05,
	442-00,	448-00,	455-00	
R5	005-00,	520-00		
R6	620-00,	621-00,	621-01,	622-00,
	631-00,	631-01,	632-00,	690-00,
	690-01			
R7	700-00,	798-01,	799-00,	900-00

Elk Permit

- Elk permits, allotted by drawings, allow you to hunt in a restricted area or time period or to harvest a bull where bull harvest restrictions exist for hunters who have only a general elk license.
- Permits are not a second license for killing an additional elk. Rather, you must use them with your general elk license.
- Elk permits are available through the March 16 drawing to Residents and Nonresidents. Be sure to check individual hunting district regulations for specific deer permit details. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license/permit quota.

- Learn about the hunting district you wish to hunt before applying for a permit. For instance, don't put in for a backcountry area if you aren't willing and prepared to backpack in. And don't apply in hunting districts that are mostly private land if you aren't certain you can get permission.
- Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for an elk permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Big Game Elk Combination License before applying for an elk permit.
- In all or a portion of each of the following hunting districts a hunter is required to have successfully drawn a special permit before hunting a bull elk or brow-tined bull elk in all or a portion of the fall hunting seasons. See individual hunting districts for specific regulations.
- The following limited and unlimited Bull Elk Permit opportunities are offered for the 2015 hunting season.

Bull Elk Permits

R2	212-45,	250-45,	270-45,	282-10,
	283-10			
R3	310-45,	310-46,	313-10,	313-45,
	339-20,	380-20		
R4	401-20,	410-20,	410-21,	411-20,
	412-20,	417-20,	420-20,	425-20,
	426-20,	441-20,	445-20,	447-20,
	450-20,	455-20,	900-20	
R5	411-20,	500-20,	502-20,	520-20,
	570-20,	575-20,	580-21,	580-22,
	590-20,	590-21,	900-20	
R6	620-20,	620-21,	621-20,	622-20,
	631-20,	631-21,	632-20,	632-21,
R7	690-20,	690-21		
	590-20,	798-20,	798-21,	799-20,
	900-20			

Over-the-Counter (OTC) B License

- Certain elk B licenses with unlimited quotas are available for purchase over-the-counter from License Providers beginning August 3.
- The following over-the-counter Elk B License opportunities are offered for the 2015 hunting season. See individual hunting district regulations for specifics.

OTC Elk B Licenses

R2	212-03,	283-03,	290-00
R3	393-01		

Replacements

Replacements of lost, stolen or destroyed licenses or permits may be purchased at FWP offices and FWP License Providers. A second duplicate license for the same species within a two-year period may only be purchased at an FWP office. A person may not replace a license requiring a carcass tag a third time for the same species within a two-year period. A fee of \$5 per license will be charged for each duplicate license.

It is unlawful to:

- Swear or affirm to a false statement in order to obtain a duplicate.
- Possess an original as well as a duplicate license(s). If the original is found, it must be returned to FWP at any regional office.
- Allow a license of any type to be used by another person.

SuperTag Lottery

Open to residents and nonresidents.

Species	Deadline to Purchase SuperTag Chances (\$5 each)
Antelope	July 2
Bighorn Sheep	
Bison	
Deer	
Elk	
Moose	
Mountain Goat	
Mountain Lion	

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the online licenses at fwp.mt.gov.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information visit FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.

Availability of Licenses & Permits

Purchase your fishing license, hunting licenses(s) and apply for drawings online

<https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index>

Deadlines and Cost

- A complete list of licenses, cost and deadlines for drawing applications is available on pages 114-115 in the Licenses & Permits Availability Chart.
- Applications, as well as some general licenses, and many licenses and permits awarded through a drawing, have a purchase or application deadline.
- Applications are available at FWP License Providers or may be downloaded from the FWP website. Nonresidents may call 406-444-2950 to request an application through the mail.
- You may have your application entered directly into the system at an FWP office or you may mail in your application. If the application is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than the deadline date. The postmark must be an official U.S. Postal Service mark. A postage meter postmark will not be accepted.
- FWP encourages hunters to apply online for permits/licenses awarded through a drawing as safeguards will not accept incomplete applications. Also, your information is retained for future purchases or license applications.

Drawing Applications

- Drawing applications are available from FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov and from License Providers.
- Applications for deer and elk permits must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before **March 16**. Applications for deer B, elk B, antelope and/or antelope B licenses must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before **June 1**. Hunters may apply online no later than **March 16** for deer and elk permits or **June 1** for deer B, elk B, antelope and antelope B licenses.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for most of the licenses awarded through the drawings. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the F&W Commission which may differ from the quotas listed in the printed hunting district regulations.
- For specific license/permit opportunities please refer to the hunting district regulations where you will find a complete list of all available hunting opportunities for each hunting district.

Party Applications

- Applicants may apply as a "party." If you apply as a party, each party member must list the identical license/permit choices in the identical order on his/her application. If one or more party member does not pay the bonus point fee, but the other members pay the fee, those who have not paid the fee will be taken out of the party. It is unlawful to loan or transfer a license to another or to use a license issued to another.
- Either everyone in the party is successful in obtaining a license or everyone is unsuccessful. A party of individuals is assigned one random number in the computer. If that number is drawn, each member of the party receives a permit/license.
- The success rate for applying as a party versus as an individual is about the same. However, if a

resident applies with a nonresident in a party, the whole party is considered "nonresident" because of the 10 percent quota limit on nonresident licenses and/or permits.

- The maximum number of applicants in a party is 5 members.

Licenses and Permits Through A Drawing

- You may apply for a permit and/or license that allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area or time period. You may also decide to participate in the bonus point system.
- Residents must hold a general deer license before using a deer permit.
- Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for an elk permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Deer Combination License before applying for a deer permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Big Game Elk Combination License before applying for an elk permit.
- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License are reminded that the license (including deer B licenses) entitles them to hunt deer only on the deeded lands of the sponsoring landowner. This license may not be used on leased or public land. However, the license is valid statewide for fishing and hunting upland game birds.
- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License may apply for a deer permit or deer B license only in the hunting district where they are authorized to hunt deer.

Bonus & Preference Point System

Bonus Points can increase your chances to draw a license or permit.

- Bonus points essentially offer you additional drawing chances and are used for first choice drawings only.
- Existing bonus points will be mathematically "squared" prior to the drawing. That means if you already have 3 "base" bonus points those will be "squared" and you'll then have 9 bonus points going into the drawing.
- If you wish to participate in the Bonus Point program (to use or gain points), make sure to check "YES" on the Bonus Point questions and include the \$20 (nonresident) or \$2 (resident) Bonus Point fee for each license/permit drawing applied for.
- If you're unsuccessful, you'll be awarded an additional base bonus point for next year's drawing.
- All "base" bonus points accumulate over time until you obtain a license/permit or you fail to participate in the bonus point system for that species. Bonus points are lost if they are not used for 2 consecutive years.
- Bonus points are nontransferable; they cannot be transferred between the species drawings or individuals.
- The base bonus points for a party are the average of their individual base bonus points rounded to the nearest whole number.

Landowner Preference

- Montana landowners (resident and nonresident) may qualify for preference in the license/permit drawings for deer, elk, and antelope.
- In order to claim landowner preference for deer B, deer permit, and/or antelope drawings, a landowner must own or be contracting to purchase at least 160 contiguous acres of land within the hunting district applied for. If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, the landowner must own land within that portion and the land must be used primarily for agricultural purposes.
- In order to claim landowner preference for the elk B license and/or elk permit drawings, a landowner must own or be contracting to purchase at least 640 contiguous acres of land within a district regularly used by elk for one or more seasonal activities. If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, a landowner must own land within that portion to claim preference.
- A landowner may designate his/her preference to a member of his/her immediate family (blood or marriage related) or a ranch manager (paid employee who has state, federal, or FICA taxes withheld from pay). Only one person may use designated preference in a partnership or corporation.
- Nonresidents owning land in Montana should contact FWP Headquarters in Helena at 406-444-2950 for details on how to apply for landowner preference. See the Licenses Available Chart for prerequisite license requirements and deadlines to apply.

Drawing Results

License	Drawing Results	Refunds Mailed
Nonresident Combination	Mid-April	End of April
Deer & Elk Permits	Mid-April	End of April
SuperTags for: Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat, Mountain Lion	After July 16	NA
Antelope, Deer, Elk Licenses	Mid-July	End of August
Check for drawing results at fwp.mt.gov		

Fees and Refunds

- In addition to the cost of each permit or license, there is a \$5 nonrefundable application fee for each license or permit you apply for. The \$5 fee covers the cost of printing and processing the application.
- In some situations, FWP may refund resident or nonresident –in full or in part –fees for licenses and/or drawings.
- The appropriate documentation (death certificate, medical statement, etc.) must accompany the unused license(s) and a signed request form certifying the license(s) has not been used. Nonresident license holders should call 406-444-2950 for information.
- Situations include:

Reason	Deadline	Refund
Death of licensee	12/31/15	100%
Death of family member	12/31/15	90%
Medical emergency	12/31/15	90%

Call Licensing at 406-444-2950

- If you do not receive your license or refund within 2-3 weeks of time from refund dates. Note: the license fee is refunded if an applicant is unsuccessful in the drawings, unless there is a valid obligation owed to the State of Montana or if the refund is less than \$5.
- For information on drawings for big game hunting.
- For surplus licenses (any left over licenses or permits from the drawings) information and applications (available by early August).

License Discount Opportunities

- Montana resident members of the Montana National Guard, Federal Reserve or Active Duty, who participated after September 11, 2001 in a contingency operation outside the state for two months and have been released from active duty or discharged, are entitled to a free conservation license OR a sportsman without bear license for a fee of \$2. These licenses will be issued only at FWP offices. DD 214 and supporting documentation is required.
 - To take advantage of this opportunity you must obtain the license in the year you returned from military service, or in the following year.
- A veteran with certain combat connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP License Bureau Chief for details at 406-444-2663.

- Nonresidents who hold a current upland game bird license, big game combination, elk combination or deer combination license may purchase a nonresident turkey license for \$55.
- Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$500.50 beginning March 1 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov and will be processed at the FWP headquarters in Helena. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.
- Nonresident children of residents may be entitled to reduced rate licenses for up to six years from the date they received their diploma or GED. To qualify the child must have: 1) been born and raised in Montana; 2) attended and completed high school or attained a GED in Montana; and 3) the parent(s) still reside in Montana. Licenses will be issued at FWP offices with verification of Birth Certificate, Montana high school diploma or GED, and proof that natural or adoptive parent is still a current Montana resident. Any nonresident youth hunting with this license must be accompanied by a licensed resident family member while hunting in the field.
- Nonresident students enrolled as a full-time student (12 or more credits) in a postsecondary educational institution in Montana or Nonresident full time students in another state who graduated from MT High School and their parent is a MT resident are now eligible for discounted hunting licenses. The new nonresident college student big game combination license will cost \$70.00 and includes Conservation, fishing, upland bird, deer and elk.
 - Application for the nonresident college student big game combination license may be made after the second Monday in September at any FWP Regional office or Department Headquarters in Helena. To qualify, the applicant shall present a valid student identification card and copy of paid tuition as current full-time enrollment at a post secondary education institution in Montana. Payment of the \$10 Hunting Access Enhancement Fee is also required.

Youth Opportunities

Youth Elk Hunts

- Youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2016) -15 years of age may hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations without applying for an elk permit through the drawing in the following hunting districts. Be sure to check specific hunting district regulations as youth hunting opportunities in some of the districts listed below may not include either-sex or antlered bull elk.

Resident and Nonresident Youth Opportunities with a General License

R 2	204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 240, 261, 262, 270, 280, 281, 283, 291, 292, 293
R 3	300, 301, 302, 310, 311, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 328, 329, 331, 332, 334, 335, 340, 341, 343, 350, 360, 361, 362, 370, 380, 391, 392
R 5	560

Youth Elk Permits and Elk B Licenses

- Elk permits and elk B licenses only for youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2016) -15 years of age to hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations are offered in hunting districts listed below.
- To qualify, the applicant must:
 - be 12 (by Jan 16, 2016) -15 years of age at time of application.
 - show proof of successfully completing hunter education.
 - be accompanied, while hunting, by an adult and/or guardian who is at least 18 years of age.
- Youth that are 15 years of age at the start of the general season, October 24, are eligible to hunt in the youth areas even if they turn 16 years of age during the season.

Youth Resident/Nonresident Permits

R2	282-10
R3	313-10

B Licenses

R6	621-00, 631-01, 690-00
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Youth Hunter

Age	Available To	Opportunities and Requirements
11	Resident & Nonresident	A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2016 and can show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of purchase may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After August 15, 2015, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season. Purchase a hunting license, except spring turkey and spring black bear. Apply for any drawing, except spring turkey.
11-13	Resident & Nonresident	In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law.
12-15	Resident & Nonresident	<u>Youth Statewide Two-Day Deer Hunt</u> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The F&W Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in deer hunting. Legally licensed hunters 12 through 15 years of age may hunt deer during the Statewide Two-day Youth Only Deer Season –October 15-16. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During these two days, youth hunters with a general deer or deer B license may take those deer species and sex otherwise available on their general or deer B license the first day of the general firearm season in the specific hunting district the youth is hunting. A non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. Shooting hours, hunter safety requirements and all other regulations that apply to the regular deer firearm season shall apply to this youth two-day deer season.
12-17	Resident Only	A youth who has successfully completed a hunter safety and education course, and is purchasing his/her first Montana hunting license, is entitled to receive a Resident Youth Combination Sports License free-of-charge.
14	Resident Only	A youth 14 years of age who purchases a discounted general deer or elk license, may use the license throughout the season, even if he/she turns 15 before or during the season.
12-17	Nonresident Only	Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$500.50 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current general deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and may be processed at any FWP Office. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact :



MonTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute
 700 SW Higgins Ave – Ste 200
 Missoula MT 59803.
 406-243-5751 or toll free in Montana at 877-243-5511.
<http://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/>

Hunters with a Disability

- Certification for "special considerations" are lifetime certifications and do not need to be renewed annually.
- For applications, detailed eligibility requirements, and information on licenses and permits for hunters with disabilities contact any FWP office or on the FWP website. See addresses and phone numbers on page 113.

Resident With a Disability Conservation License

- Residents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may purchase a conservation license for \$8 which includes fishing, upland game bird (excluding turkey), state waterfowl license, and state lands recreational use license for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes.
- The license holder may also purchase a general deer and general elk license at a discounted price. Applications for a Resident With a Disability Conservation License are available at all FWP offices and on the FWP website.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

Permit To Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially non-ambulatory, as defined by State Law, may apply for a PTHFV.
 - Specific PTHFV field regulations apply. A copy of these regulations will be provided at the time of certification. Noncompliance may result in loss of this privilege.

Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTMAE. The PTMAE allows a person with a disability to use archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds, and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability.
- Arrows are not exempt, and must meet requirements for the Archery Only Season.
- This permit does not entitle the holder to use a crossbow during the Archery Only Season.
- The permit only allows modification of legal archery tackle and must be used with a valid bow and arrow license and appropriate hunting license.

Certain Combat Disabled Veterans

- A veteran with certain combat-connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP License Bureau for details at 406-444-2663.

Free license for terminally ill youth

- Montana law allows terminally ill resident or nonresident youth under 17 years of age to receive a free one-time deer and elk license.
- The youth must be accompanied by a licensed outfitter or an adult who has a license to hunt in Montana.
- Minimum age and hunter education requirements may be waived for this license. For information call the License Section at 406-444-2950.

B Licenses and/or Permits for Hunters with a Disability

- Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at FWP offices or FWP website. For more information contact FWP at 406-444-2950.
- Deer:
 - Deer permit 630-20 (HD 630).
 - Applicants must be a Resident, hold a Disability Conservation License and apply on or before March 16.
- Elk:
 - Elk B license 121-01 (HD 121).
 - Applicants must have a Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle, valid conservation and apply on or before June 1.
- Antelope:
 - Individuals who are permanently, physically disabled and nonambulatory as defined in ARM 12.3.106, may apply for an antelope license. A total of 25 antelope licenses are issued through the June 1 drawing. These licenses are offered in those antelope hunting districts which have a total quota of 50 or more antelope licenses. Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at all FWP offices. Applications must be postmarked on or before June 1.

General Information

Block Management

The Block Management Program is a public hunting access program in which FWP enters into contractual agreements with private landowners (and sometimes public land management agencies) about how free public hunting access will be permitted and managed on enrolled lands. Through the contractual agreement, private landowners agree to allow public hunting on enrolled lands under specified conditions, and FWP agrees to assist the landowner by enforcing the ranch rules adopted through the Block Management contract. Each FWP region annually publishes a regional Hunting Access Guide by August 15th that lists the Block Management Areas (BMAs) enrolled for that year and explains how to gain access to them. For general information about the program, contact FWP at (406) 444-2612.

Brucellosis Test Kits

- FWP's cooperative effort among hunters, landowners and outfitters to track brucellosis in elk in some southwestern Montana hunting districts will continue.
- Blood sampling kits and instructions are available at local trailheads, U.S. Forest Service offices, sporting goods stores, the Cameron hunter check station, and FWP Region 3 Headquarters at 1400 S. 19th Avenue in Bozeman.

Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Big Game

- To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to humans, follow these proper ways to handle wild meat:
 - Wear rubber (latex) gloves when field dressing game.
 - Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues.
 - Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
- Cook all meat until well done before consuming.
- To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to your domestic dog, prevent consumption of big game viscera.

Donate Hunting License to Disabled Military Service Member or Veteran

Residents and nonresidents can donate their Montana hunting license to a disabled military veteran or disabled active duty service member who is working with an organization that uses hunting as part of the rehabilitation process. The disabled person who receives the license will be a Purple Heart recipient and have a 70 percent or greater disability rating:

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/donateLicense.html>

Harvest Survey

Montana FWP conducts an annual telephone survey to gather hunting and harvest information from Montana hunters. Telephone interviewers call mid-week evenings and weekends to speak to hunters one-on-one to get the most accurate information possible. Wildlife managers use the results to evaluate hunting seasons and set quotas, season dates and other regulations.

Hunters Against Hunger

When you purchase a Montana hunting license you'll have an opportunity to make a donation of \$1 or more to Hunters Against Hunger. Contributions help pay for butchering and distribution of processed game donated to food banks.

Marked or Radio-Collared Animals

It is legal to shoot big game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, however, markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

Tapeworm: Protect your Pets

Domestic dogs can pick up a parasite (*Echinococcus granulosus*) by eating carcasses or organs from infected deer, elk or moose. The domestic dog can then pass it to humans in its feces. If your dog does have access to carcasses, talk to your veterinarian about an appropriate deworming strategy.

Weed Control and Weed-Free Hay

Montana requires use of certified weed-free hay, grain, straw, mulch, cubes, and pelletized feed on federal lands.

Contacts

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks State Headquarters

1420 East 6th Avenue, PO Box 200701,
Helena, MT 59620-0701
406-444-2535

Harvest Reporting 1-877-FWP-WILD
.....(1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356

Quota Status 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989

Hunter Education.....406-444-9948

Wildlife406-444-2612

Enforcement406-444-2452

Montana State Parks406-444-3750

Drawings.....406-444-2950

Licenses406-444-2535

Hearing Impaired (use Montana
Relay).....7-1-1 or 1-800-253-4091

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Regional Headquarters

REGION 1

490 N Meridian Rd
Kalispell, MT59901
406-752-5501

REGION 2

3201 Spurgin Rd
Missoula, MT59804
406-542-5500

REGION 3

1400 South 19th Ave
Bozeman, MT59718-5496
406-994-4042

HELENA Area Resource Office (HARO)

930 Custer Ave W
Helena, MT59620
406-495-3260

BUTTE Area Resource Office (BARO)

1820 Meadowlark Ln
Butte, MT59701
406-494-1953

REGION 4

4600 Giant Springs Rd
Great Falls, MT59405
406-454-5840

LEWISTOWN Area Resource Office (LARO)

215 W Aztec Dr
PO Box 938
Lewistown, MT59457
406-538-4658

REGION 5

2300 Lake Elmo Dr
Billings, MT59105
406-247-2940

REGION 6

54078 US Hwy 2 W
Glasgow, MT59230
406-228-3700

HAVRE Area Resource Office (HvARO)

2165 Hwy 2 East
Havre, MT59501
406-265-6177

REGION 7

352 I-94 Business Loop
PO Box 1630
Miles City, MT59301
406-234-0900

Contacts Outside Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Montana State Agencies

Agriculture.....406-444-3144
Guides & Outfitters406-841-2300
Livestock406-444-7323
State Lands (DNRC)406-444-2074
Tourism.....406-841-2870

Federal Agencies

US Department of
Interior (USDI)202-208-3100
USDI Fish & Wildlife
Service.....406-449-5225
USDA Forest Service ...406-329-3511
USDI Bureau of Land
Management406-896-5000
National Weather Service
(Missoula)406-329-4840

Tribal Lands

Blackfeet Reservation ..406-338-7276
Crow Reservation406-638-2179
Flathead Reservation ...406-883-2888
..... ext 7200
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Fort Peck Reservation..406-768-5305
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2015 LICENSE TYPE	Resident COST	NonResident COST	DEADLINE	NOTES
Conservation	\$8.00	\$10.00		Required prerequisite license. Residents aged 12 -14 and 62 & older; includes free season fishing, upland game bird (excluding turkey) and state migratory bird licenses.
Antelope – 900 Archery – Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	
– Disabled – Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	Special disabled antelope application fee required. For information call (406) 444-2950. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
– Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Big Game Combination – General Drawing		\$996.00	March 16*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF licenses.
– Youth (12 to 17)		\$500.50		Sales begin March 1. Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing licenses. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Bighorn Sheep – Drawing	\$125.00	\$750.00	May 1*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 NonResident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Bison – Drawing	\$125.00	\$750.00	May 1*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 NonResident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Black Bear	\$19.00	\$350.00	Spring - April 14 Fall - August 31	Can purchase after deadline dates, but then there is a 24-hour wait period to use license.
Bow and Arrow	\$10.00	\$10.00		
College Student Combination		\$70.00		Certification required for nonresident students attending a Montana college full-time. For information call (406) 444-2950. Available at an FWP office after September 8.
Combat Disabled/Active Duty Veteran – Antelope	\$7.00	\$100.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
– Deer, General	\$8.00	\$125.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
– Deer B	\$5.00	\$37.50		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
Coming Home to Hunt – Deer Combination		\$592.00	March 16*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF. For information call (406) 444-2950.
– Big Game Combination		\$996.00	March 16*	
Deer – General	\$16.00			
– General, Disabled	\$6.50			
– General, Senior	\$10.00			
– General, Youth (12 - 14)	\$6.50			
Deer B – Drawing	\$15.00	\$80.00	June 1*	
– Over-the-Counter and Single-Region Antlerless	\$10.00	\$75.00		Over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 3.
Deer Combination – General Drawing		\$592.00	March 16*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
– Landowner Sponsored Drawing		\$592.00	March 16*	
Deer Permit – Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	March 16*	Application fee only - must be used with general deer license.
Disabled Conservation License	\$8.00			Includes free upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & state waterfowl.
Elk – General	\$20.00			
– General, Disabled	\$8.00			
– General, Senior - (62 +)	\$12.00			
– General, Youth (12 - 14)	\$8.00			
Elk B License – Drawing	\$25.00	\$278.00	June 1*	Antlerless only.
– Over-The-Counter	\$20.00	\$273.00		Antlerless only - over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 3.
Elk Combination – Drawing		\$846.00	March 16*	Includes conservation, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
Elk Permit – Drawing	\$9.00	\$9.00	March 16*	Residents must have current year general elk license to apply. Nonresidents must also apply for an elk license when applying for a permit. A permit must be used with a general elk license.

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2015 LICENSE TYPE	Resident COST	NonResident COST	DEADLINE	NOTES
Hound Training License	\$5.00			
Hunting Access Enhancement Fee (HAEF)	\$2.00	\$10.00		Annual fee charged when hunter purchases first hunting license each year.
Nonresident Montana Native – Bird License		\$30.00		For former resident with current resident relative; other qualifications apply. For information call (406) 444-2950
– Deer License		\$64.00		
– Elk License		\$80.00		
Migratory Bird – (12 - 15)	FREE	\$35.00		Requires a conservation license. Federal Stamp is not required. Nonresident includes an Upland Bird License.
– (16 - 61)	\$6.50	\$50.00		Federal Stamp also required.
– (62 and older)	FREE	\$50.00		Requires a conservation license. Federal Stamp also required.
Moose – Drawing	\$125.00	\$750.00	May 1*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 NonResident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Mountain Goat – Drawing	\$125.00	\$750.00	May 1*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 NonResident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing. Must have a current conservation license to apply.
Mountain Lion – General License	\$19.00	\$320	August 31	Can purchase after deadline date, but then there is a 5-day wait period to use the license.
– Special License – Limited Entry Drawing	\$19.00	\$320	August 13**	Application fee is only \$5.00. The license cost must be paid if successful in the drawing.
Off-Highway Temporary Use Decal		\$5.00		
Sandhill Crane – Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	July 30**	Cost is the application fee only.
Sportsman – Military Recognition	\$2.00			Must go through certification process at FWP offices - includes conservation, season fishing, State lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), deer & elk. \$2.00 fee is for HAEF.
– with Bear	\$85.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, bear, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
– without Bear	\$70.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
– without Bear – Youth (12 - 17)	\$25.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) season fishing.
– without Bear – Free Youth (12 - 17)	FREE			For first-time ever hunting license after completion of Hunter Education course. Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing licenses.
State Lands Recreational License – 12-17	\$5.00			Required for recreational use on state school trust lands. The State Lands Recreation License is included in the Montana Conservation License specifically for the purpose of hunting, fishing, and/or trapping (HFT). All other recreational use on state school trust lands requires this State Lands Recreation License.
– 18-59	\$10.00			
– 60 +	\$5.00			
– Family	\$20.00			
Swan Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	Sept 3**	Cost is application fee only.
Turkey General License	\$6.50	\$115.00		If nonresident has already purchased an Upland Bird license, then turkey licenses are \$55 each.
Permit – Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	Spring - March 5* Fall - July 30**	Application fee only - if successful in the drawing, need to purchase turkey license and upland game bird license.
Upland Bird – General	\$7.50	\$110.00		
– Youth 15 - 17	\$3.00			
– 3 Day		\$50.00		Valid for three calendar days (which are indicted on the license). Not valid for sage grouse at any time or for ring-neck pheasants during the opening week of the season.
– 3 Day Preserve		\$20.00		Valid only on state-licensed shooting preserves
Upland Bird & Migratory – (Youth 12 - 15)		\$35.00		Federal Stamp not required.
Wolf	\$19.00	\$50.00	August 31	Can purchase after the season opens, but then there is a 24-hour wait period to use the license. Limit 5 licenses per hunter.

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2015-2016 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of antelope, deer and/or elk begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. **(Do not use other sources).**



ZONE 1: INCLUDES: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders Counties

Day	Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb	
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
01	6:16	9:08	6:55	8:16	7:35	7:16	7:18	5:20	8:00	4:49	8:21	4:58	8:01	5:39
02	6:17	9:07	6:57	8:14	7:36	7:14	7:20	5:19	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:59	8:00	5:40
03	6:18	9:05	6:58	8:12	7:37	7:12	7:21	5:17	8:03	4:49	8:21	5:00	7:58	5:42
04	6:19	9:04	6:59	8:10	7:39	7:10	7:23	5:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01	7:57	5:43
05	6:21	9:03	7:01	8:08	7:40	7:08	7:24	5:15	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02	7:56	5:45
06	6:22	9:01	7:02	8:06	7:41	7:06	7:26	5:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03	7:54	5:46
07	6:23	9:00	7:03	8:04	7:43	7:04	7:27	5:12	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:04	7:53	5:48
08	6:24	8:58	7:04	8:02	7:44	7:02	7:29	5:10	8:08	4:48	8:20	5:05	7:52	5:49
09	6:26	8:56	7:06	8:00	7:45	7:00	7:30	5:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:06	7:50	5:51
10	6:27	8:55	7:07	7:58	7:47	6:59	7:31	5:08	8:10	4:47	8:20	5:08	7:49	5:52
11	6:28	8:53	7:08	7:56	7:48	6:57	7:33	5:07	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:09	7:47	5:54
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13	6:31	8:50	7:11	7:52	7:51	6:53	7:36	5:04	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:11	7:44	5:57
14	6:32	8:48	7:12	7:50	7:52	6:51	7:37	5:03	8:14	4:48	8:18	5:13	7:42	5:59
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17	6:36	8:43	7:16	7:44	7:57	6:46	7:42	5:00	8:16	4:48	8:16	5:17	7:38	6:03
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30	6:53	8:20	7:33	7:18	8:15	6:23	7:59	4:50	8:21	4:56	8:03	5:36		
31	6:54	8:18			8:17	6:22			8:21	4:57	8:02	5:37		

ZONE 2: INCLUDES: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole Counties.

Day	Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb	
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03	6:11	8:57	6:50	8:04	7:29	7:04	7:13	5:10	7:54	4:42	8:12	4:53	7:50	5:35
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31	6:47	8:09			8:08	6:15			8:12	4:50	7:54	5:30		

ZONE 3: INCLUDES: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone Counties

Wheatland and Newstone Counties														
	Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb	
Day	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
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02	5:58	8:49	6:38	7:56	7:18	6:56	7:02	5:00	7:44	4:30	8:04	4:40	7:42	5:21
03	5:59	8:48	6:39	7:54	7:19	6:54	7:03	4:59	7:45	4:30	8:04	4:41	7:41	5:23
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